

parte's situation; being no more than "a wheel, — the emblem," says M. Bernaud, "of the vicissitudes of human life, which the Elbes had borrowed from the Egyptian mysteries."¹ This is as curious a coincidence as any we ever recollect to have met; as the medals of Kiba with the emblem of the wheel are well known, we cannot but suppose that Bonaparte was aware of the circumstance; yet he, is represented as having in vain made several anxious inquiries after the ancient arms of the island.

During the first months of his residence there his life was, in general, one* of characteristic activity and almost garrulous frankness. He gave dinners, went to balls, rode all day about his island, planned fortifications, aqueducts, lazarettos, harbors, and palaces; and the very second day after he landed fitted out an expedition of a dozen soldiers to take possession of a little uninhabited island called Pianosa, which lies a few leagues from Elba; on this occasion he said good-humoredly, "Toitte V Kurope <lim qiw fti tlfjh fntt -unr rutit/uSft*" (All Europe will say I have already made a conquest). The cause of the island of Pianosa being left uninhabited was the marauding of the Corsairs from the coast of Barbary, against whom Bonaparte considered himself fully protected by the 4th Article of the Treaty of Fontainebleau,

The greatest wealth of Elba consists in its iron mines, for which the island was celebrated in the days of Virgil. Soon after his arrival Napoleon visited the mines in company with Colonel Campbell and being informed that they produced annually about 15,000 francs he exclaimed joyfully, "These, then, are my own!" One of his followers**, however, reminded him that he had long since disposed of that revenue, having given it to the order of the Legion of Honor, to furnish pensions, etc. "Where was my head when I made that grant?" said he, "but I have made many foolish decrees of that sort!"

Bir Walter Scott, in telling it euriouH fwt, muk<*H a very curious mistake. "To dignify MH capital," said Hays, "having discovered that the ancient name* of Porto-J^oV*rrnjo wan

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